



Wildland Fire Updates

June 18, 2013

Last Updated: 10:00 a.m.

Contacts

Report Fires: 911

AFS/DOF Public Affairs: (907) 356-5511

Future updates will be provided when significant changes in activity occur.

Kanuti Fire – off of Chena Hot Springs Road

The Kanuti (name change from the original Kaouti) Fire that started around mile 17 of Chena Hot Springs Road on the afternoon of June 17 is an estimated 120 acres. There are no evacuations in place and no structures have burned in the fire. Traffic is allowed in both directions on Chena Hot Springs Road; however, depending on fire activity today, there could be unplanned delays. People are asked to maintain awareness of their surroundings at all times when in the mile 15-17 vicinity, and to drive slowly around firefighters and equipment working along the road.

The fire is burning in a populated area, and in some cases, very near to homes. It was a big effort yesterday to knock it down and start to secure it on Monday evening. While progress has been made, there is still fire on the landscape. People are asked to please stay out of area that had fire in it or is burning as conditions may be unsafe; stay out of the way of firefighters so that they can continue to make progress. Firefighters will work today to secure fireline around the fire. Crews assigned include: Delta #1, North Stars, Pioneer Peak, Tanana Chiefs, White Mountain.

A Temporary Flight Restriction is in place and pilots are advised to check NOTAMS.

It is expected to be another hot, dry day and conditions could change quickly and new fires can start. While we are making progress on the fire, it is important that residents still consider emergency planning measures. Information about emergency planning can be found in the Wildland Fire Guide at http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/Alaska_Wildland_Fire_Guide_2013.pdf on page 7.

We will be providing new information as we get it throughout the day. The primary source for fire information will continue to be <http://fire.ak.blm.gov>.

Our call volume in the Fire Information Office at 907-356-5511 is heavy and we are working to keep up. If you do not reach us initially, please call back.

Red Flag Warnings

Red Flag Warnings continue to expand across the state. A Red Flag Warning means that conditions are occurring, or will occur, which could lead to the development of large and dangerous wildfires. Human-caused starts are of major concern given the low potential for lightning forecasted. More information about the warnings is available at: <http://firewx.arh.noaa.gov/warnings.php>.

Fire Activity

Warm dry temperatures are forecasted for much of the state through the week. While wildland fire managers are paying

close attention to lightning forecasts, the most probable source of dangerous fire potential continues to be human activities. South Central, the Copper River Basin, and the Kenai Peninsula are very dry. Please use caution with anything that could start a fire and adhere to Alaska Division of Forestry burn permit guidelines and suspensions for debris burning. More information on debris burning is available at <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn>.

6/17 - North Fork Chandalar Fire #245

Smokejumpers and aircraft responded to a fire reported by local residents from Venetie on June 16. The human-caused fire initially was five acres but has grown to 48 acres. The aircraft assigned to the fire dropped retardant and water on the fire that was burning in black spruce and willow. The Fort Yukon T EFF crew was also assigned to the fire.



6/17 Fairbanks and nearby areas

Decomposing wood chips and organic debris continues to burn within the Yukon Training Area. Personnel will begin work to extinguish the fire in Test Area 3 (Lower right). Tactical adjustments are being discussed for Test Area 2. Smoke may be visible from Eielson AFB, Two Rivers, North Pole, Salcha area and Alaska Hwy 2. The smoke generated from this process may last throughout the summer.

6/18 Fire Information

As of today, according to the AICC a total of 225 fires have burned 100,052 acres statewide this year. Refer to AICC Situation Report for additional information: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>. Fire- related news releases are posted at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/newsroom.php>.

Information Gathering/Additional References

www.incweb.nwcg.gov www.twitter.com

BLM Alaska Fire Service account: @BLM_AFS

Alaska Division of Forestry account: @AK_Forestry Bureau of Land Management account: @BLMAlaska National Park Service account: @AlaskaNPS

US Fish and Wildlife Service account: **@USFWSAlaska**

Alaska Fire Consortium: **@AKfirescience**

www.facebook.com

BLM Alaska Fire Service account: **BLM Alaska Fire Service**

Alaska Division of Forestry account: **AK.Forestry** Bureau of Land Management account: **BLMAlaska** National Park Service account: **AlaskaNPS**

US Fish and Wildlife Service account: **USFWSAlaska**

www.youtube.com

Alaska Division of Forestry account: **AlaskaDNRDOF**

National Park Service account: **AlaskaNPS**

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
- Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
- Alaska Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
- National Fire Situation Report: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
- Interagency Newsroom (Media Guide): <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/newsroom.php>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group - Education and Reference Materials:
<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>
- Alaska Fire Consortium: <http://akfireconsortium.uaf.edu>
- Protect your home and property!: <http://firewise.org/> and
- <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/firewise09.pdf>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns):
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>
- BLM Alaska Fire Service: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/afs/>
- Alaska Division of Forestry: <http://forestry.alaska.gov>
- Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>
- National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/akso/nature/fire/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>

- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Anchorage Fire Department: www.muni.org/fire
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.html>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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